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1. The only sulpha drugs at present available in Bulgaria are streptocid album and streptocid rubrum of Soviet manufacture, and even these are in extremely short supply. The Bulgarians fully realize that streptocid is now out of date and produces violent vomiting, but they have so far been unable to obtain any more modern sulpha drug from Czechoslovakia or Hungary, and the USSR appears reluctant to relieve Bulgaria's chronic shortage of sulpha.
2. The Bulgarians are negotiating with Holland for some sulphathiazol, which they may well obtain since this drug is already superseded in the west.
3. When presented with a prescription containing sulpha, Bulgarian chemists now use a sodium sulphate compound in lieu rather than inform patients of the shortage.

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